

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

CHRISTIAN BLUEMLEIN,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 75-10075

v.

Honorable Nancy G. Edmunds

DAVID KERNS,  
Saginaw County Jail Administrator,  
and WILLIAM FEDERSPIEL,  
Saginaw County Sheriff,

Defendants.

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**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE [321]  
WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND DIRECTING THE CLERK'S OFFICE  
TO DOCKET THE MOTION WITHIN A NEW CASE**

On July 19, 2021, Christian Bluemlein filed a motion for order to show cause why Defendants should not be held in contempt of a permanent injunction previously issued in this case in 1978. (ECF No. 321.) The injunction permanently enjoined Saginaw County from violating prisoners' constitutional rights and required it to abide by certain practices and procedures. *See O'Bryan v. Cnty. of Saginaw*, 446 F. Supp. 436, 437-47 (E.D. Mich. 1978). Bluemlein alleges the injunction was violated while he was incarcerated at the Saginaw County Jail from September 2, 2020 until September 15, 2020 and once again during a period of incarceration from October 2, 2020 until June 28, 2021 and asks the Court to award him compensatory damages for these violations.

When another former prisoner filed a similar motion for order to show cause, a new case number was established, and it was ultimately treated as a civil contempt action. See ECF Nos. 292, 315; Case No. 11-15712, ECF No. 330; *see also* ECF No. 320. The

Court finds that a new case number should similarly be established for this motion. Accordingly, Bluemlein's motion for order to show cause is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. The Clerk's Office is directed to open a new case and docket Bluemlein's motion (ECF No. 321), along with his application for in forma pauperis status (ECF No. 322), within that case. The Clerk's Office is further directed to identify the new case as a companion matter to this case.

SO ORDERED.

s/Nancy G. Edmunds  
Nancy G. Edmunds  
United States District Judge

Dated: July 30, 2021

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record on July 30, 2021, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

s/Lisa Bartlett  
Case Manager